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I

REPLY TO COMMISSION'S COUNTERSTATEMENT OF ISSUES
PRESENTED FOR REVIEW

It is not Reigel's purpose to argue the merits of Respondent's counterstatement of issues presented for review, however, it must be pointed out that the counterstatement does not accurately reflect the issues presented for review. The Respondent presents, as established, an issue which in fact is in dispute and which will be argued before this Court. For example, Respondent's issue No. 1 (Resp. Br. p. 1) reads as follows:

"Was there substantial evidence that a securities salesman wilfully violated Anti-fraud provisions of the Federal Securities Laws when the record shows that(B) He predicted a rapid, substantial price rise for those securities on the basis of negotiations between the issuer and others, when he had no reason to believe the negotiations would result in an agreement, or whether the agreement would be profitable for the issuer?" (Emphasis added.)

There is evidence in the record to show that Reigel had a reasonable basis for his belief that an agreement was being reached.^{1/} Whether the evidence is sufficient is a question for this Court to decide, but the Respondent cannot avoid having this Court consider that question by taking as given an issue which is very much in dispute.

/ Duke Goldstone testified that the acquisition of the film rights was very probable and that negotiations were actually completed. (R. 497, 498, 499, 500). Colton testified that the salesmen were informed about the negotiations. He was not asked how detailed the information he received was, he stated only that he did not tell them that the deal was closed. (R. 444, 445.)

A similar tactic is displayed by the Respondent when it asks in Issue No. 3(a) whether "the order is subject to review because prior to the hearing the recollection of witnesses against the Respondent had been refreshed by accurate memoranda of their prior statements." (Emphasis added). There is no evidence in the record which would indicate whether or not the memoranda in question were or were not accurate. (See Reigel's discussion of this point on page 8 to 9, (infra).

II

REPLY TO COMMISSION'S ASSERTION THAT THE COMMISSION DID NOT DRAW AN ADVERSE INFERENCE FROM REIGEL'S FAILURE TO TESTIFY.

The Commission evidently believed that by stating in its opinion that it was not relying on an adverse inference from Reigel's failure to testify (R. 2009), it neatly avoided any bothersome Constitutional issue. However, the Commission's assertion that it based its findings on an independent review of the record does not stand up on close examination, because any consideration by the Commission of the Hearing Examiner's findings fortiori also took into consideration all of the factors, including the inference that led the Hearing Examiner to make his stated findings. Furthermore, findings of the Hearing Examiner are necessarily a part of the record, and the Commission

must give due weight to them.^{2/} That those findings were greatly influenced by the improper inference is shown by the Hearing Examiner's evaluation of the testimony given by the only two witnesses offered by the Division to prove Reigel's alleged misrepresentation. In crediting that testimony the Hearing Examiner stated:

"After having heard these witnesses and observing their demeanor the Hearing Examiner credits their testimony. Moreover, neither Cook, Pambrun, Fleischman nor Reigel testified at the hearing in their own behalf. Their failure to do so is deemed a factor of substantial significance, warranting the inference that their testimony would have been adverse." (R. 1691). (Emphasis added).

The Commission's argument is to the effect that it could disregard an inference which affected the Hearing Examiner's findings as to the credibility of the only two witnesses who testified against Reigel. But the Commission cannot know whether the testimony of those witnesses would have been credited but for the improper inference. The Commission certainly was not in a position to evaluate the credibility of these witnesses from the cold record. Although the Commission need not hear the witnesses testify, the Commission must at least give due weight to the findings of the one who did observe the demeanor of the witnesses.^{3/} But in the instant case,

^{2/} Universal Camera Corp. v. National Labor Relations Board, 340 U.S. 474, 493 496, 497 (1951).

^{3/} Ibid.

to give due weight to those findings, would mean that the Commission had not disregarded the improper inference, but had actually incorporated it into its own findings. Indeed, there is evidence in the Commission's Opinion itself that it did not disregard Reigel's failure to testify. The Commission asserts in its Opinion that:

"Respondents have no knowledge of the terms of any agreement with Goldwyn, or the nature and quality of the film library, or of any of the other pertinent considerations making for the success or failure of such a venture."
(R. 2004).

The Commission cites no evidence in the record for this conclusion. Unless the Commission has inferred from the failure of Reigel and others to testify that they had no such information, it is difficult to see how the Commission reached this conclusion. The Commission certainly cannot contend that it does not have the burden of proving its charges, but can shift to Reigel the burden of proving that he did not violate the law.

Strathmore Sec. Inc. v. S.E.C.^{4/} cited by the Commission for the proposition that it can properly disregard such an inference drawn by the Hearing Examiner is clearly distinguishable from the case at bar. In Strathmore Securities, Inc. v.

/ (Resp. Br. p. 23) C.C.H. Fed. Sec. L. Rep., Par. 92, 335
t 97,605 n. 2 (C.A. D.C., Jan. 24, 1969).

SEC, the Hearing Examiner "stated clearly that his findings did not need the support of the inference."^{5/}Therefore, in Strathmore, the Commission had not been presented with a record in which the findings with regard to the credibility of witnesses was incurably tainted by an unconstitutional inference. Nevertheless, the Court in Strathmore, citing Spevak v. Klein,^{6/} stressed the seriousness of the Constitutional question presented, but concluded that it was not necessary to decide the issue due to the fact that both the Hearing Examiner and the Commission stated that their findings did not rely on the inference.^{7/}

Contrary to the argument presented by the Commission (Resp. Br. p. 24) Colton clearly expressed the views of those individuals who did not wish to testify, including Reigel, (R.518). Whether or not the statement by Colton was completed is irrelevant.

The Commission argues that although Reigel was not represented by an attorney at the Hearing, he was represented prior to the reopening of the record for testimony by another respondent, and that Reigel's attorney should have urged the Hearing Examiner to decide the reserved question so that he could determine whether Reigel should take the stand. (Resp.Br. p. 24-25).

/ Ibid.

/ Spevak v. Klein, 385 U.S. 511 (1967)

/ C.C.H. Fed. Sec. L. Rep., Par. 92, 335 at 97,605 n.2.

the Commission's argument in this regard is particularly confusing since they cite a portion of the record which shows that Reigel's attorney did urge the Hearing Examiner to decide this point. (R. 610, 611). Furthermore, the Commission must be aware that the re-opened hearing was expressly limited to the purpose of hearing the testimony of Nees, and allowing Nees to cross-examine the witnesses who testified against him. It should be further noted that Reigel's attorney did request that the proceedings be broadened to cover evidence introduced at the prior hearing, and that the Hearing Examiner rejected this request. (R. 551-555).

III

REPLY TO COMMISSION'S ASSERTION THAT THE COMMISSION DID NOT RELY UPON HEARSAY EVIDENCE.

In order to refute Appellant's argument that the Commission relied upon incompetent hearsay evidence in concluding that Reigel had no reasonable basis for representations made to him, the Respondent now asserts that the Commission made no findings with regard to whether there was actually a "deal" between Jayark Films and Goldwyn. (Resp. Br. p. 25). Respondents further argue that the finding that Reigel had no adequate basis for his representations was based in part upon a conclusion that Respondents had no knowledge of the terms of any agreement with Goldwyn, or the nature and quality of the film library, or of any other pertinent considerations making for the success or

failure of such a venture'". (R. 2004). However, no evidence in the record to substantiate that conclusion is cited or in fact exists. None of the witnesses at the Hearing were asked if they had this information, and the Commission surely cannot be justified in drawing such a conclusion from the failure of Reigel to take the stand and testify as to his knowledge of the details of the negotiations.^{8/} Indeed, the only explanation for such a conclusion on the part of the Commission is that, contrary to their protestations (R. 2009), the Commission did, in fact, draw an improper inference from Reigel's failure to testify.

After contending the Commission did not rely on the hearsay evidence contained in the Slaff letter, the Commission states that "in any event, technical rules of evidence do not apply in an Administrative Proceeding" (Resp. Br. p. 26). As the Respondents pointed out, Reigel has conceded that technical rules of evidence do not apply. However, surely the Respondent cannot contend that evidence should be admitted if it is not the sort of evidence on which responsible persons are accustomed to rely in the conduct of serious affairs."^{9/}

^{8/} Spevak v. Klein, 385 U.S. 511 (1967).

^{9/} Cal. Govt. Code, 11513(c).

As pointed out in Appellant's Opening Brief (p. 26-27) due to the obvious prejudice of Goldwyn's attorney, the author of the hearsay evidence in question, there is a serious question as to whether the evidence in question would even meet that requirement.

REPLY TO COMMISSION'S ASSERTION THAT THERE WAS
NOTHING IMPROPER OR PREJUDICIAL IN REFRESHING
THE RECOLLECTION OF INVESTOR-WITNESSES BY SHOW-
ING THEM MEMORANDA OF PRIOR INTERVIEWS.

The Commission asserts that the memorandum of interviews which were used to refresh the memory of witnesses were "highly accurate" (Resp. Br. p. 26), and cites the statements of two witnesses who made that evaluation more than a year after the interviews in question. (R. 290, 316). It should be noted that neither of the witnesses who made the statements referred to were part of the case against the Appellant herein, so that their evaluations can have no relevance to the accuracy of the writings used to refresh the memory of witnesses who testified against Reigel. The Commission further states that Respondents were aware of the refreshing techniques while the witnesses were on the stand (Resp. Br. p. 26); no citation to the record is offered for this proposition and the record itself clearly refutes this argument since all references in the Transcripts to this refreshing technique occur after the testimony

of the witnesses who testified against Reigel. ^{10/}

Furthermore, it is irrelevant that "no claim is made that the investigators did anything more than simply ask questions at the original interview." (Resp.Br.p.26). What Reigel is objecting to is the fact that the witnesses had their memories refreshed by memorandums prepared by the Division, not by the witnesses. The extent to which such memorandums were phrased by Mr. Hiller instead of by the witnesses could have been the difference between an alleged misrepresentation and an innocent representation. This point is buttressed by the fact that an investigator, such as Mr. Hiller, is inevitably going to include in such memorandums statements which tend to show violations of the law, and not statements which would tend to exculpate the alleged offender. Since Reigel was not represented by counsel he was not aware of his right to examine and cross-examine with respect to such writings. California law, at the time of the hearing, would not have allowed this refreshing technique. Code of Civil Procedure Section 2047 established

10/ (R. 530, 531) Investigator Hiller testimony, (R. 299,360) testimony of two witnesses regarding accuracy of memorandums, (R. 138-164) testimony of witnesses presented against Reigel.

Respondent cites page 365 of the Record for the proposition that an examination of one of the memoranda was permitted. However, page 365 makes no reference to such an occurrence.

the proper evidentiary standard to be applied at the time of the hearing. 11/

REPLY TO COMMISSION'S ASSERTION THAT REIGEL'S ELECTION TO FOREGO COUNSEL AT THE INITIAL HEARING PROVIDES NO BASIS FOR ATTACK ON THE COMMISSION'S DECISION.

It is clearly irrelevant for the Commission to point out the "it is no fault of the Commission that Reigel chose not to be represented by counsel" or that "there is no requirement that counsel be provided" (Resp. Br. p. 28). Reigel has not contended otherwise. It is clearly relevant, however, in assessing the impact of the other procedural infirmities of the Hearing to take note of Reigel's lack of counsel. Interestingly enough, the Commission does not dispute that a lack of counsel would multiply the impact of other procedural irregularities, but merely asserts that there were no other procedural irregularities (Resp. Br. p. 28). Of course, that determination is for this court, and not for the Commission to make.

11/ "A witness is allowed to refresh his memory respecting a fact, by anything written by himself, or under his direction at the time when the fact was fresh in his memory and he knew that the same was correctly stated in the writing." (Emphasis added) C.C.P. § 2047 (repealed).

The Commission argues blatantly contrary to the fact asserting that the attorney subsequently retained by Reigel "has only recently decided that these infirmities exist". (Resp. p. 28). The record clearly shows that Reigel's attorney raised these issues before the Hearing Examiner upon his first opportunity to do so, which was prior to the re-opened hearing, and prior to the Initial Decision; these issues were raised in the "Opposition to Proposed Findings, Conclusions and Brief on Behalf of the Division of Trading and Markets, and Proposed Findings, Conclusions and Brief on Behalf of Respondents, William Reigel, Pierre Pambrun and Jay B. Cook" dated Dec. 20, 1965.^{12/} Reigel's attorney again raised these issues at the re-opened hearing.^{13/}

Even assuming that the Respondent is correct that the Hearing Examiner made it clear^{14/} that he would not admit the

/ PP. 66-67, introduction of incompetent hearsay evidence; pp. 70-72, improper education of witnesses; pp. 68-70, introduction of irrelevant prejudicial evidence which induced Reigel not to testify; pp 62-63, opposition to Division's argument that inference of guilt should be drawn from failure to testify.

/ R. 611, 612, objected to education of witnesses; R. 610, requested ruling on introduction of irrelevant prejudicial evidence, R. 560, objected to incompetent hearsay evidence; since the Hearing Examiner had not yet indicated that he had drawn an improper inference, Reigel's attorney could not have raised the issue at the re-opened hearing.

/ The actual language used by the Hearing Examiner is somewhat ambiguous and would be particularly so to a layman. (R. 469-470).



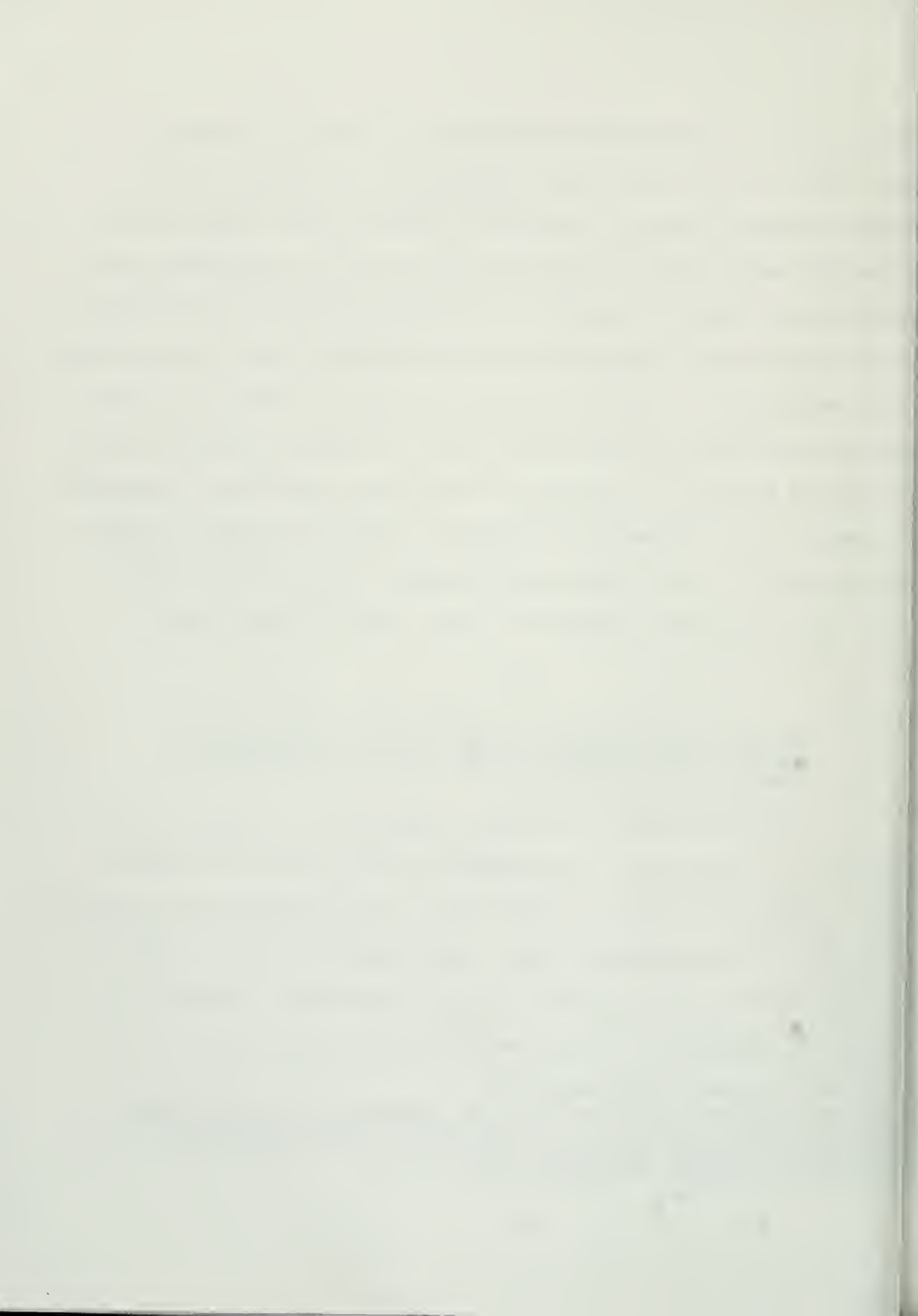
evidence until he satisfied himself that it would be proper" (Resp. Br. p. 29, n. 35), this would have no bearing on the dilemma faced by Reigel. The Hearing Examiner had stated that he thought the evidence was proper (R. 469-70), and Reigel could certainly not read the mind of the Hearing Examiner and determine that he would later change his mind and conclude that the evidence was inadmissible. The failure by the Hearing Examiner to rule on the matter and there that the Division's line of questioning was irrelevant placed Reigel in a position where if he testified it amounted to a gamble upon the Hearing Examiner's ultimate ruling upon the matter. This did not give Reigel a free choice in the matter and was highly prejudicial. (App. Op. Br. pp. 14-16)

VI.

REPLY TO COMMISSION'S ASSERTION THAT THE REMEDIAL ACTION TAKEN AGAINST REIGEL WAS WELL WITHIN THE COMMISSION'S DISCRETION.

The Respondent has not even attempted to reply to Appellant's argument that the Commission must apply reasonable standards in determining the sanctions to be imposed upon alleged violators of the Securities Laws. The Appellant has not disputed that the Commission has power to alter the penalty imposed by the Hearing Examiner, so the cases cited for this proposition by the Commission are irrelevant. ^{15/}

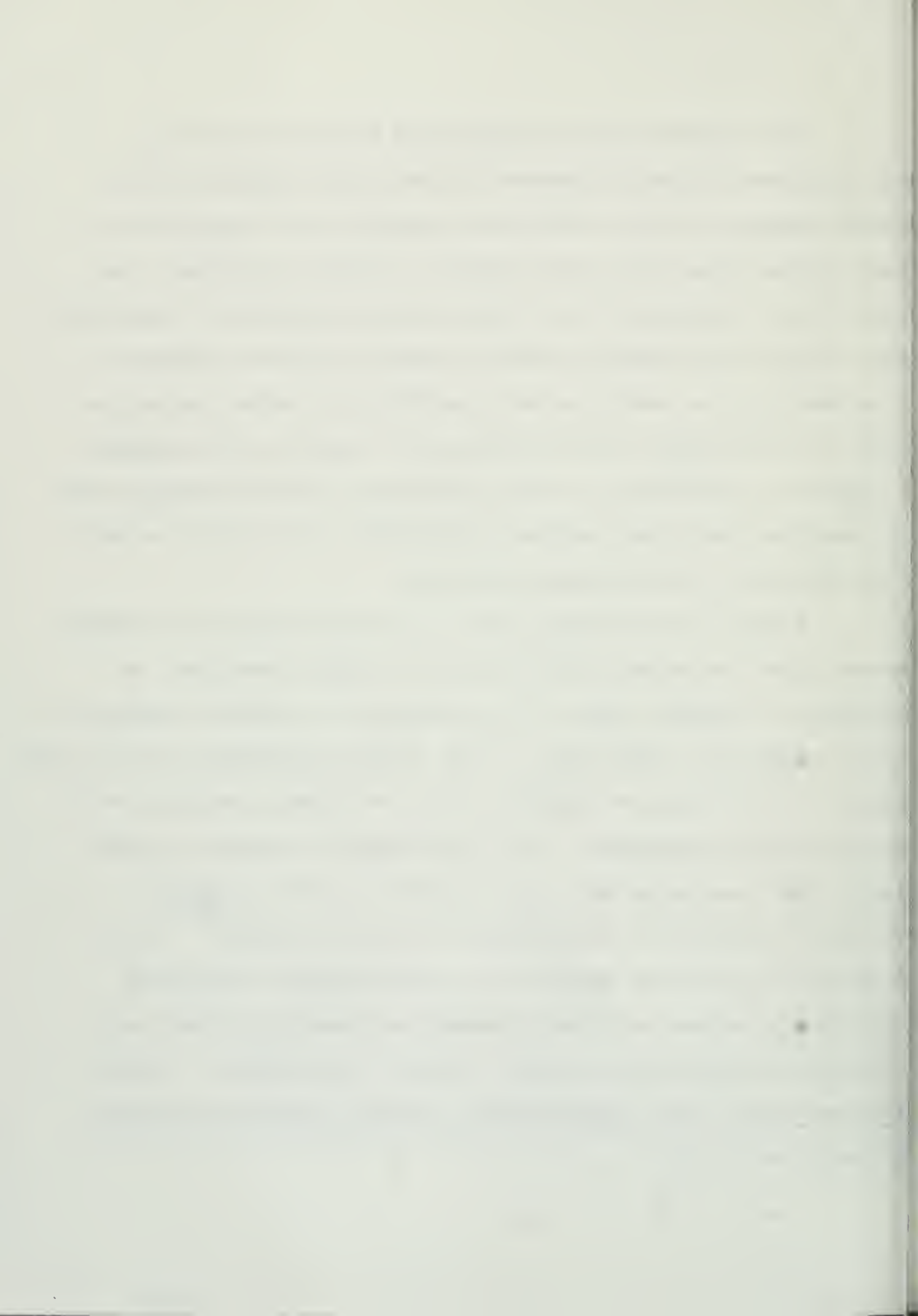
^{15/} (Respondent's Brief pp. 22, 30) Pierce v. Securities and Exchange Commission, 239 F. 2d 160 (C.A. 9, 1956); Resp. Br. p. 31; San Francisco Mining Exchange v. SEC, 378 F. 2d 162, (C.A.9, 1967).



The argument made by Reigel has been, and still is, that the great disparity between the sanctions imposed by the Hearing Examiner and the sanctions imposed by the Commission indicate either that the record failed to reflect accurately the tenor of the testimony, due to the numerous procedural irregularities, or that the Commission did not apply rational standards in determining the penalties which prohibited conduct calls for. Surely the Commission cannot contend that they are not required to adhere to standards, but can arbitrarily and capriciously mete out sanctions which can deprive individuals of the right to earn a livelihood in their chosen profession.

Reigel is not arguing that his penalty should be reduced because other individuals have received lighter penalties, so respondent's argument that it is irrelevant to compare remedies is itself irrelevant. (Resp. Br. p. 33). Reigel is arguing that the Commission, in deciding the remedies which an offense warrants, must apply reasonable standards. To avoid Reigel's position in this regard, the Commission has again offered the stale argument ^{16/} that the provisions of the Exchange Act are not penal. It is becoming more and more apparent that disciplinary proceedings subjecting a person to license revocation demand the same constitutional safeguards as would a criminal proceeding. Recent cases recognize that constitutionally objectionable procedures

^{16/} Resp. Br. p. 32.



cannot be hidden under the cloak of "remedial measures for
the public interest." ^{17/}

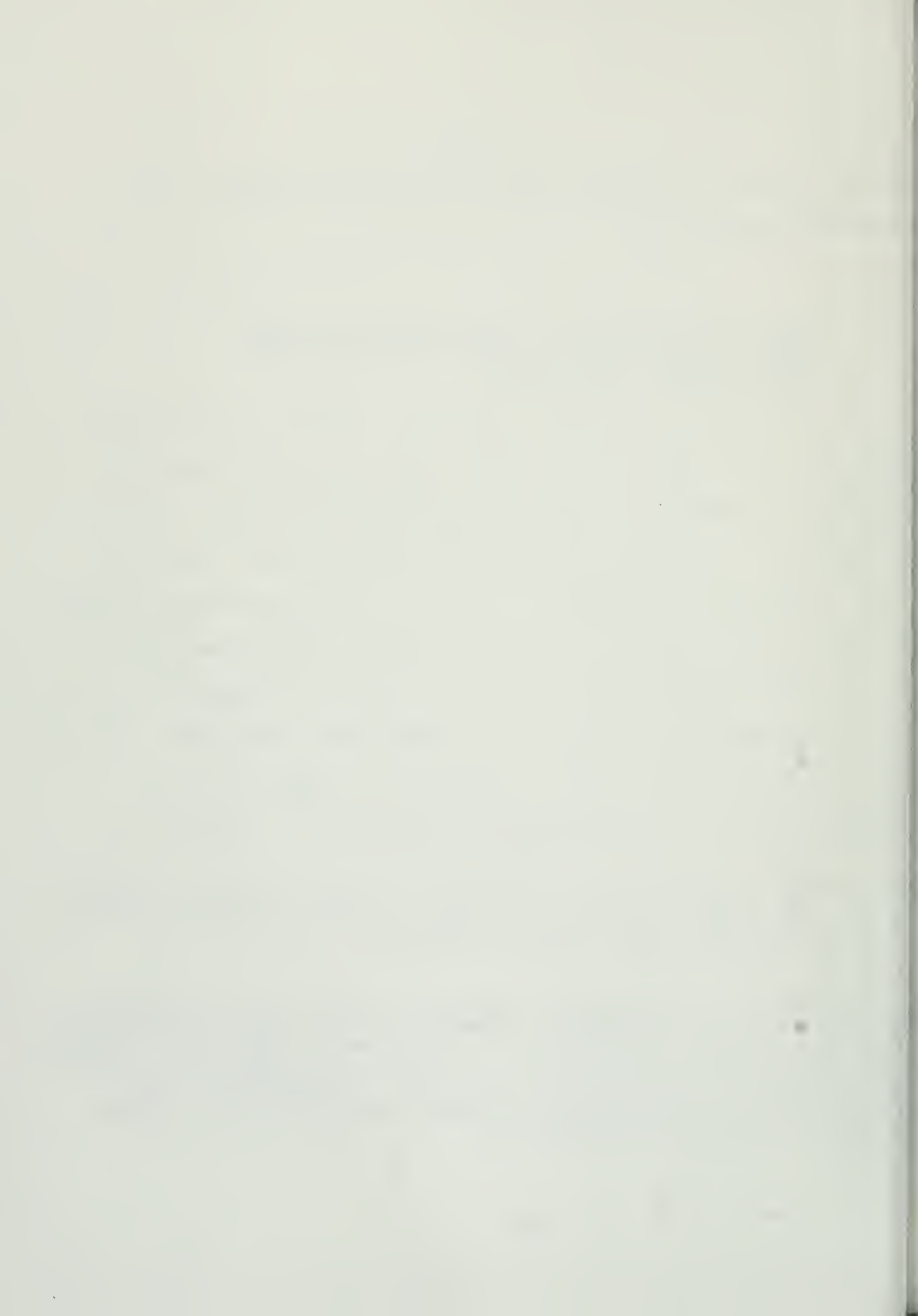
VII.

REPLY TO RESPONDENT'S ASSERTION THAT REIGEL PARTICIPATED IN THE PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION OF UNREGISTERED JAYARK STOCK.

The Respondent admits that Reigel did not sell unregis-
tered securities (Resp. Br. p. 17). However, in an attempt to
circumvent this admitted fact, it is argued that Reigel "aided
and abetted" in the sale of unregistered securities. (Resp. Br.
18). Respondent's argument in support of this belatedly asserted
proposition is incorrect for several reasons, (discussed infra),
not the least of which was that Reigel was never charged with
aiding and abetting in the sale of unregistered securities. The
Order for Proceedings does not charge that Reigel aided and
abetted in the sale of unregistered securities. ^{18/} Neither the

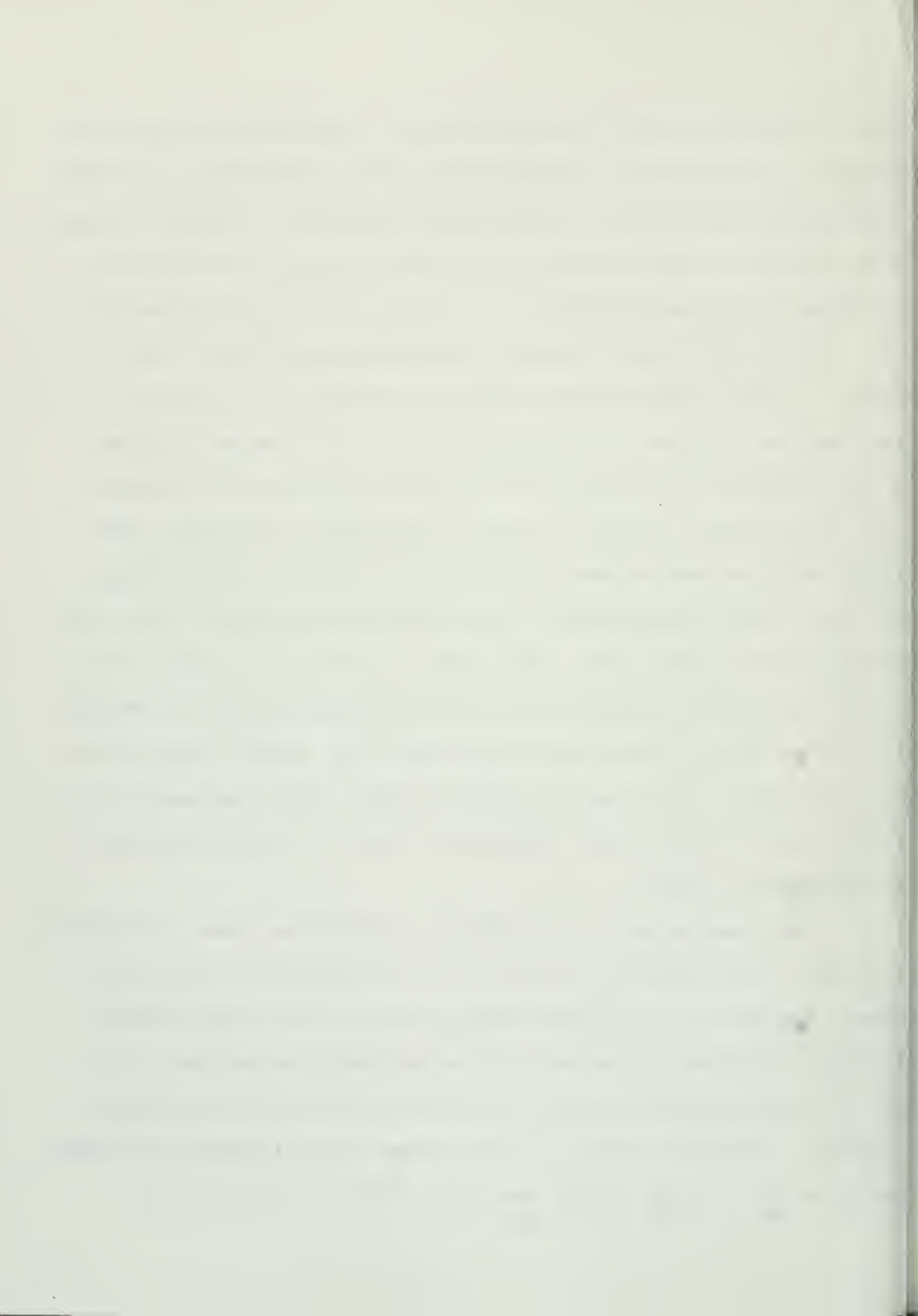
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55 (1966); Elder v. Bd of Medical Examiners, 241 CA 2d 246;
10 Cal. Rptr. 304 (1966)

18/ R. 128-132). The pertinent part of the Order for Proceeding
is: "directly and indirectly, offered to sell, sold and delivered
after sale, certain securities" The word "indirectly" appears
in the Act only with reference to the use of the mails and inter-
state commerce, and therefore could not be interpreted as pro-
hibiting "aiding and abetting". Securities Act of 1933, §5(a)
and (c), 15 U.S.C. 77e (a) and (c).



Hearing Examiner in his Initial Decision, (R. 1667-1705), nor the Commission in its Opinion (R2000-2011) found that Reigel had aided and abetted in the sale of unregistered securities. Indeed, neither the Division nor the Commission has ever argued in their Briefs that Reigel aided and abetted in the sale of unregistered securities. In its "Proposed Findings, Conclusions and Brief" dated October 7, 1965, the Division referred to Reigel as "activist in effecting the purchase for Registrant" (p. 7). However, Reigel was not charged with being an activist in effecting the purchase of the unregistered shares, for the very simple reason that the statute which he was accused of violating prohibits the selling, offering to sell and delivery after sale of unregistered securities. Securities Act of 1933 Sec. 5(a) and(c), 15 U.S.C. 77e (a) and (c). The Hearing Examiner avoided the problem altogether by discussing only whether Reigel should have known that the shares should have been registered, and by never coming to grips with the question of whether Reigel in fact sold, offered to sell or delivered unregistered shares (R. 1675).

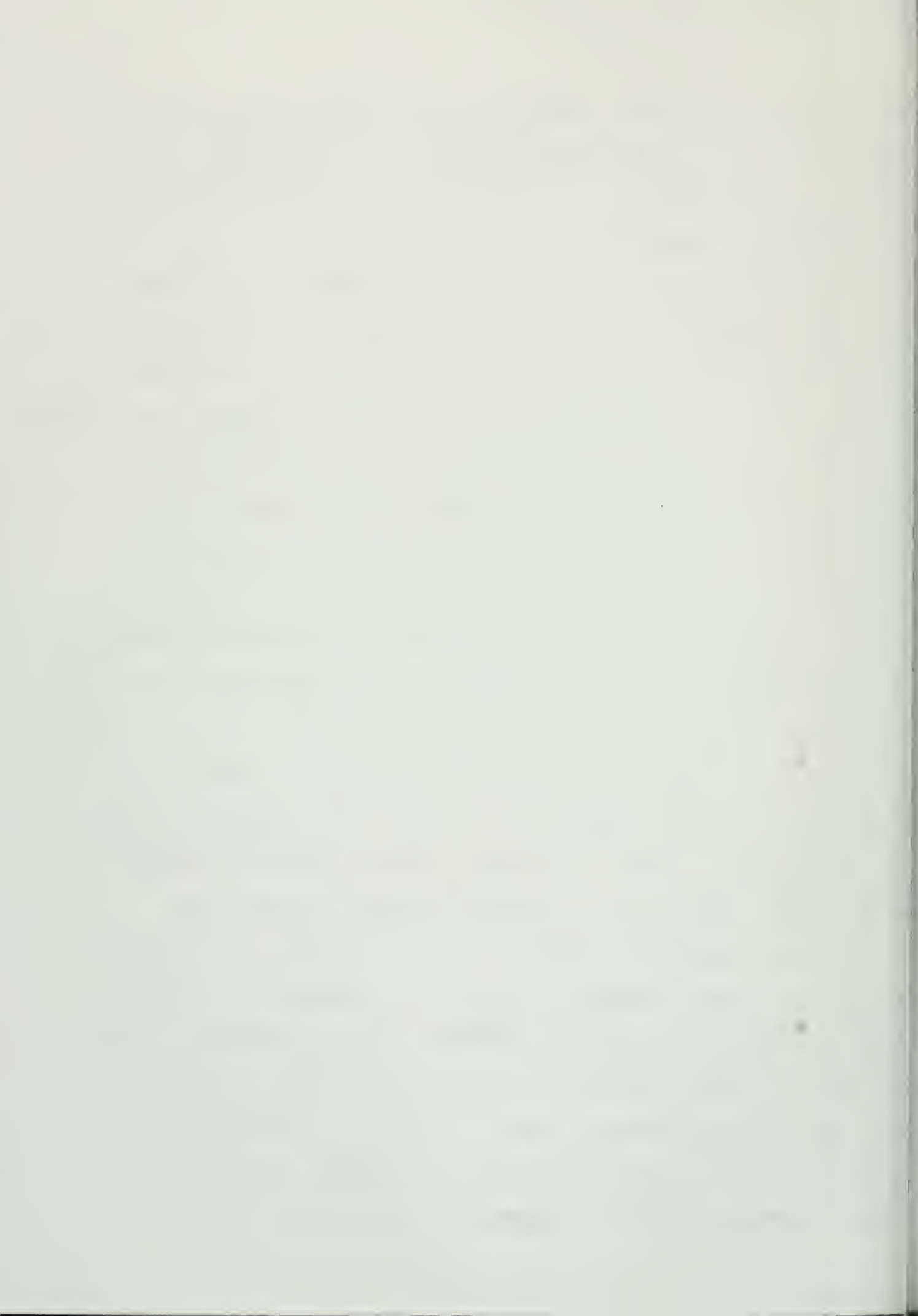
The Commission in its Opinion skirted the issue by finding that Reigel "participated in the sale of unregistered securities." However, Reigel was not charged and could not have been charged with "participating in the sale of unregistered securities", because the statute which he was accused of violating required that he "sold", "offered to sell" or "delivered" unregistered securities. Securities Act of 1933, §5(a) and (c), 15 USC 77e (a) to (c).



thus, both the "activist" label by the Division and the "participated" label of the Commission are words used to cloak a fatal omission in the pleading -- to wit, that Reigel was not charged with "aiding and abetting".

It is important to note that the Commission, for the first time in these lengthy proceedings, has argued that Reigel aided and abetted the sale of unregistered securities, completely ignoring the fact that Reigel has never been so charged. It further should be noted by way of comparison that the Commission was careful to allege in its original Order for Proceedings that Reigel aided and abetted violations of other Sections of the Securities Act, and the Exchange Act. (R. 1230, par. C, R. 1229, par. B). There are at least two possible explanations why Reigel was not charged with aiding and abetting the violation of Section (a) and (c) of the Securities act: Firstly, there was no statutory authority for a charge of aiding and abetting until 1964, as admitted by the Division (Resp. Br. p. 18); the alleged violations took place prior to 1964. Secondly, the activities of Reigel could not be sufficient to constitute aiding and abetting.

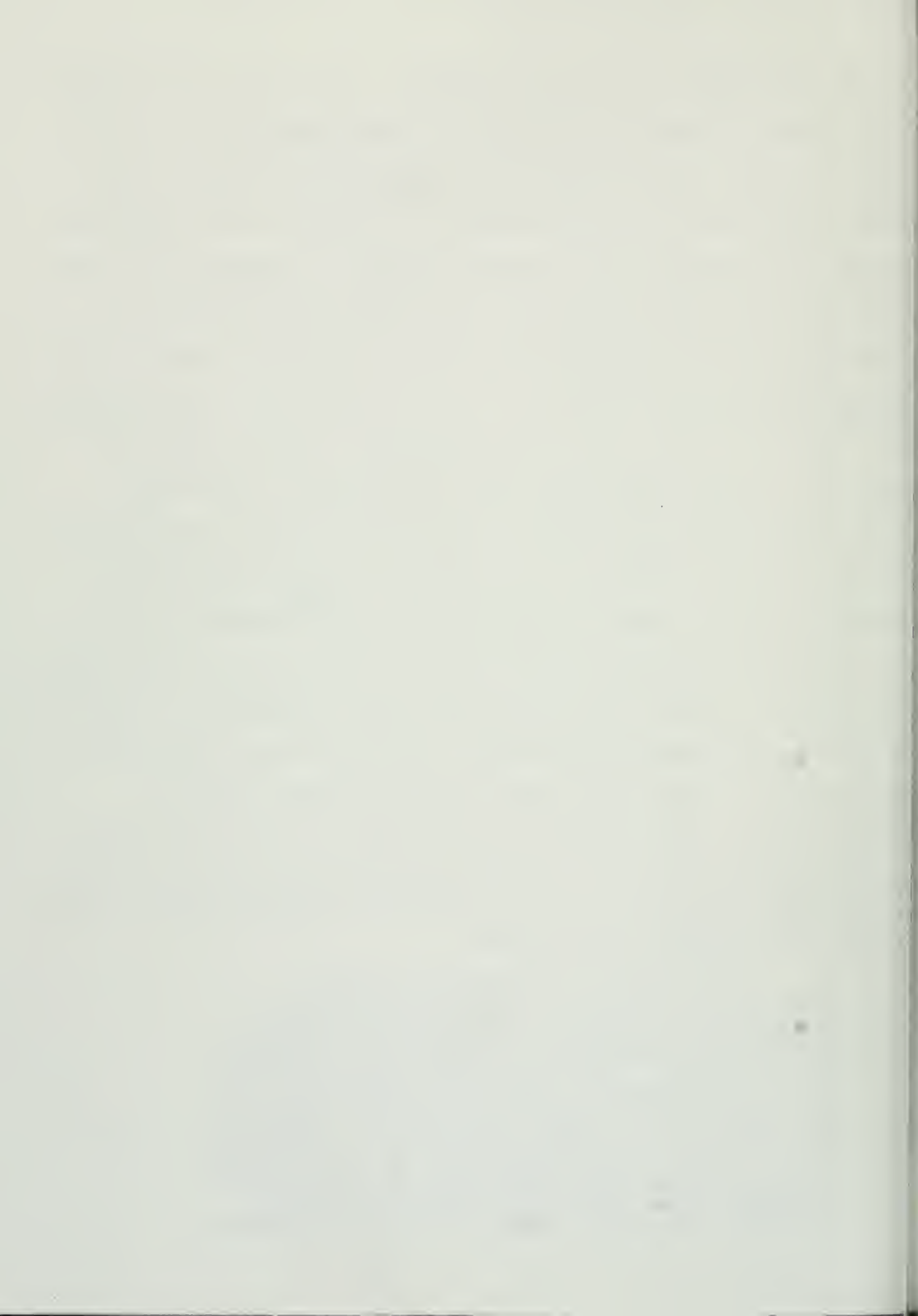
The Respondent attempts to avoid the fact that at the time of the alleged offense, it was not prohibited by statute, but rather cavalierly asserting that "it is not necessary to determine whether these provisions enacted in 1964 were intended to have a retroactive effect: (Resp. Br. p. 18). Respondent cites for this proposition M.G. Davis & Co. v. Cohen, 256 F. Supp. 128 (1966). An examination of the facts in M.G. Davis, supra, shows



clearly that this case will not support a retroactive application of the aiding and abetting provisions of Exchange Act Sec. 15 (b)(5)(E), 15 U.S.C. 78o (b)(5)(E). The 1964 Amendment added several distinct provisions to the Exchange Act. One part of the Amendment provided for bringing a suit directly against a salesman if he had committed an act which previously could have been the basis of a disciplinary proceeding against a broker or dealer who employed him. Exchange Act of 1934 §15(b)(7), 15 U.S.C. 78o (b)(7). M. G. Davis, supra, dealt with this part of the amendment, and the court concluded that in M.G. Davis there was no retroactive application of the statute since the offense in question had been proscribed by earlier law, and the part of the amendment involved granted only a procedural device to sue the employee directly.^{19/} However, in the case at bar we are dealing with an offense which was not previously proscribed by statute, since the section which proscribed aiding and abetting was specifically added to the law by the 1964 amendment and prior to that time there was no statutory authority which would have made such activity the basis of any disciplinary proceeding. Exchange Act Sec. 15 (b)(5)(E), 15 U.S.C. 78o (b)(5)(E).

/ The court stated at pp 134-135:

" . . . since 1936 the Commission has had authority to revoke or deny a broker-dealer registration on the basis of acts or omissions of a person associated with that broker-dealer. 15 U.S.C. §78o. After such a finding, the Commission is empowered to revoke the registration of any other broker-dealer who thereafter employed this person. . . . This effective, if cumbersome device for excluding wrong-doers from the securities field has simply been improved by the 1964 amendment authorizing the institution of disciplinary proceedings directly against salesmen.



Respondent goes on to argue that the Commission has long interpreted the statute as proscribing aiding and abetting violations of the Securities Act. However, the cases cited by the respondent do not support that proposition. Many of the cases cited dealt with situations in which the owners of the firm were charged with "aiding and abetting" the violations of the firm.^{20/} It must be recognized that it is meaningless to contend that the owners and operators of a firm "aided and abetted" the violations of their firm; such a contention would be considered a tautology were it not for the technical fiction that a firm is a separate entity from its owners and operators. Other cases cited by the respondent^{21/} are cases which could more aptly be described as conspiracies, or joint ventures, and in some instances were so described,^{22/}

0/ Resp. Br. p. 18; Batten and Co. v. SEC, 345 F. 2d 82 (C.A.D.C.1964); Barnett v. United States, 319 F. 2d 340 (C.A. 8, 1963); Luckhurst and Company, 40 SEC 539 (1961); William Todd, Inc. 32 SEC 537, (1951).

1/ Resp. Br.p. 18, Ross v. Licht, 263 F. Supp. 395, 410 (SDNY, 1967) (alternative holding), Mason, Moran & Co., 35 SEC 85 (1953); Brennan v. Midwestern United Life. Ins.Co., 259 F.Supp.673,682 (D.Ind.1966); Pettit v.American Stock Exch. 217 F.Supp.21,28 (SDNY 1963); Scott Taylor & Co.,183 F.Supp. 904,909 n.12 (SDNY 1959) EC v. Timetrust, Inc.28 F.Supp.34, 43 (N.D.Cal. 1939); Burley & Co., 23 SEC 461, 468, n. 11 (1946). Another case cited by the Commission refers to some very unclear dicta in a footnote and therefore has not been discussed here, Henry P. Rosenfeld, 30 SEC 41, 944, n. 3 (1950).

2/ Scott Taylor & Co., 183 F. Supp. at 908; Pettit v. Amer. Stock Exch., 217 F. Supp. at 28.



since they dealt with fact situations in which the alleged
aiders and abettors were participating in the violations for
their own gain and there was evidence presented that they were
aware of the unlawful purposes of the transactions.

None of the cases cited dealt with situations in which
a salesman has been accused of aiding and abetting the violation
of his employer.^{23/} This brings up the very serious question of
whether the activity alleged against Reigel could be classified
as aiding and abetting even if it were found that aiding and
abetting in the sale of unregistered securities was proscribed
at the time of his actions. A very recent California case has
defined aiding and abetting as to "instigate, encourage, promote
or aid with guilty knowledge of the wrongful purpose of the per-
petrator". People v. Flores, CA 2d Crim. 15501, Feb. 14, (1969).
In the cases cited by the Commission where aiding and abetting of
violations of the Securities Laws were found these elements are
obviously present. For instance, in Brennan, supra, a corpora-
tion was found to have aided and abetted the violations of a
broker-dealer and the Court stated:

"Defendant knowingly and purposely encouraged an
artificial build-up in the market for its stock.
As a result of the stimulated market, the defend-
ant was allegedly in a more favorable position
for a potential merger which was then negotiating,
and certain of the defendants' officers and di-
rectors realized substantial personal profits from
the sale of the stock in the defendant corporation."
259 F.Supp. at 682.

^{23/} In Mason, Moran & Co, supra a manager was involved; there
was evidence that he had full knowledge and actively participated
in the fraudulent scheme.

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The third part of the paper covers the period from 1860 to 1890. This was a time of rapid industrialization and the growth of the middle class. The author discusses the changes in the economy, the rise of the industrial revolution, and the impact of these changes on society. The role of the federal government in regulating the economy and protecting the rights of citizens is also discussed.

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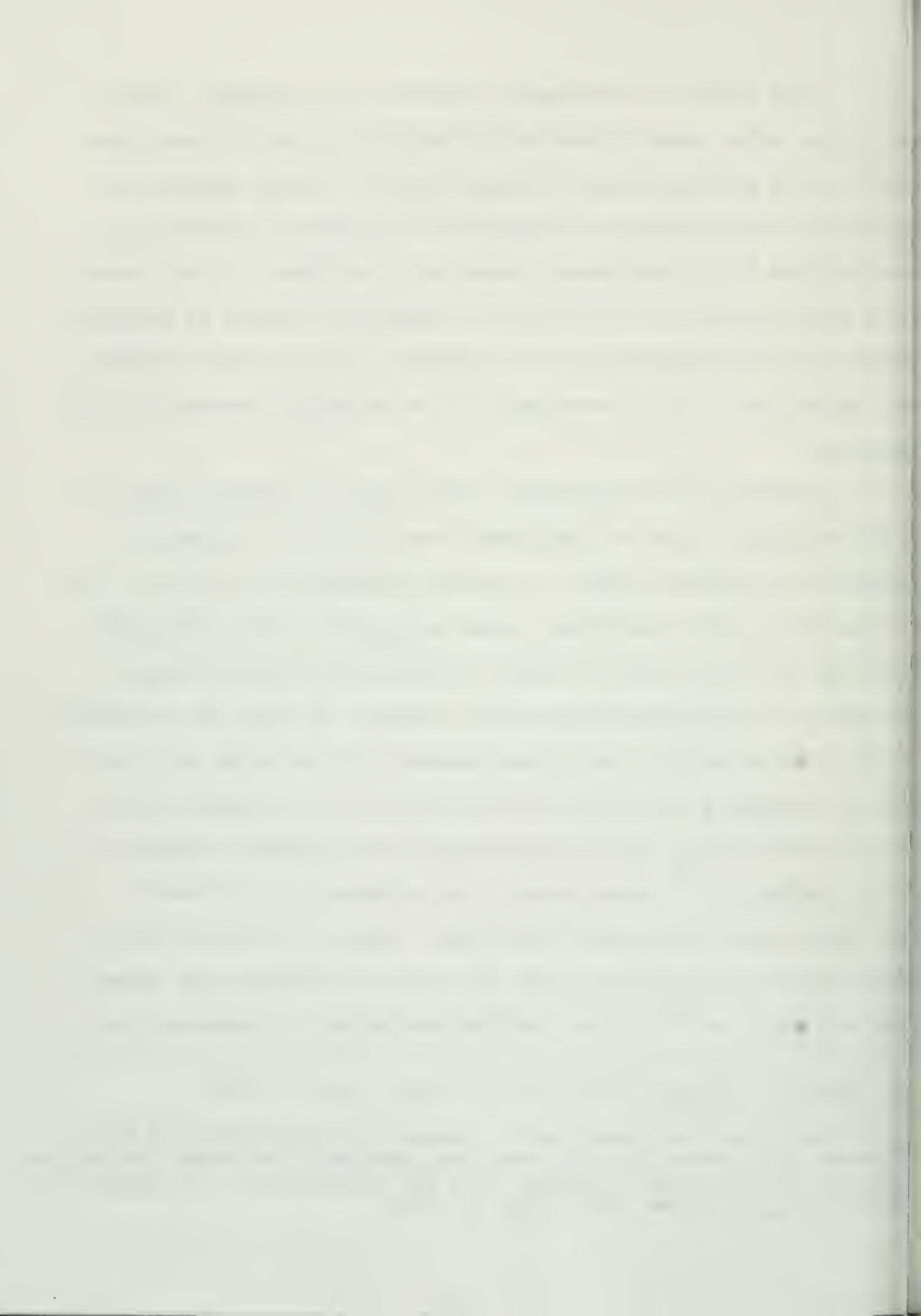


The kind of involvement referred to in Brennan, supra, and in the other cases cited by the Respondent are in sharp contrast to the actions taken by Reigel herein. Reigel merely arranged for the purchase of shares by his employer pursuant to instructions by his employer. There is no evidence in the record which would indicate that Reigel had anything to gain by the consummation of the purchase by his employer, nor is there evidence that Reigel had "guilty knowledge of the wrongful purpose" of his employer.

Although the Respondent cites cases to indicate that it is not necessary that an individual know that his actions are unlawful to establish wilful violations, (Resp. Br. p. 19, n. 25) it should be noted that these cases do not deal with aiding and abetting, but are cases in which the individual has performed the specific acts proscribed by the statute, so that the elements of the offense were in each case present; but in order to establish the elements of aiding and abetting, it is necessary that the individual have "guilty knowledge of the wrongful purpose of the perpetrator".^{24/} Here there is no evidence in the record that Reigel had such guilty knowledge. There is evidence which indicates that he believed that the stock in question was exempt from registration.^{25/} Since "guilty knowledge" is necessary in a

^{24/} People v. Flores, CA 2d Crim. 15501, Feb. 14, 1969.

^{25/} Evidence was introduced which showed that appellant had been informed in a letter from Kaufman that Kaufman's attorney had advised that the shares would be exempt from SEC registration. Division's Exhibit No. 3, letter dated Sept. 9, 1963 .

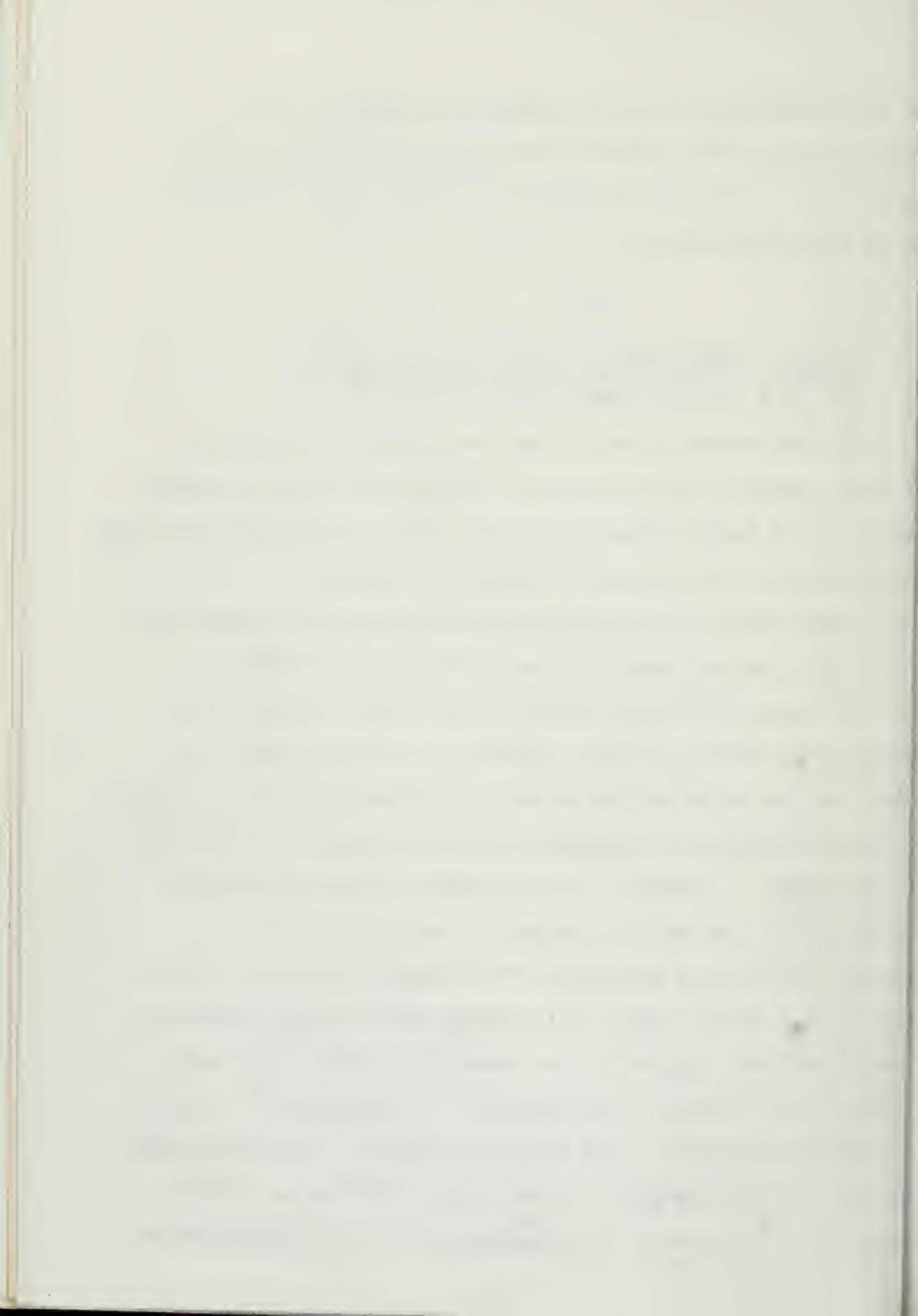


common law crime such as that considered in Flores, supra, (forgery) it would seem axiomatic that such knowledge would be necessary in a technical statutory regulation, such as that involved in the instant case.

VIII

REPLY TO COMMISSION'S ASSERTION THAT REIGEL WILFULLY VIOLATED ANTI-FRAUD PROVISIONS IN THE SALE OF REGISTERED JAYARK STOCK.

The Respondent asserts that the predictions made by Reigel with respect to the future of Jayark stock had no reasonable basis since Reigel knew very little about the prospective deal being negotiated between Jayark and Goldwyn (Resp. Br. p. 14, 15). However, Respondent only points in the record to a statement made by Colton that the salesmen were not told that the deal was closed. Of course the deal would not have been "closed" until the papers were actually signed. However, to contend that the fact that serious negotiations were in progress was not a relevant factor in estimating the prospects of Jayark stock is far-fetched to say the least. Indeed, it is arguable that it would be a breach of duty on the part of Reigel to fail to report such a significant fact to his customers. The Commission points to no evidence in the record where it is stated that the only information Reigel had with regard to the negotiations was that they were taking place. Unless the Commission is implying that Reigel had no other information, from Reigel's failure to take the stand and testify, it is difficult to see how the Commission reached its conclusion. Of course, the Commission has strenuously main-

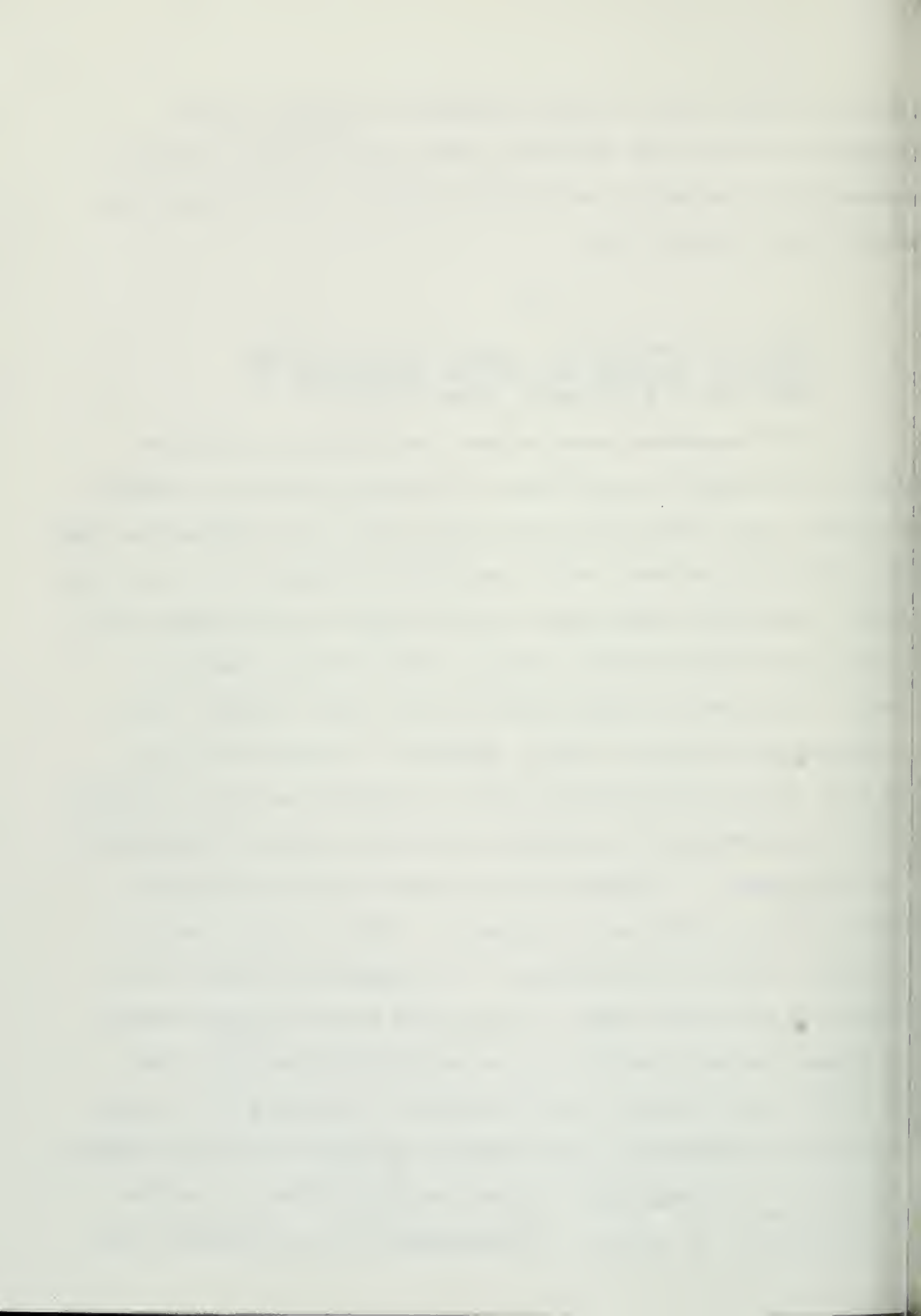


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The Respondent makes much of testimony in the record
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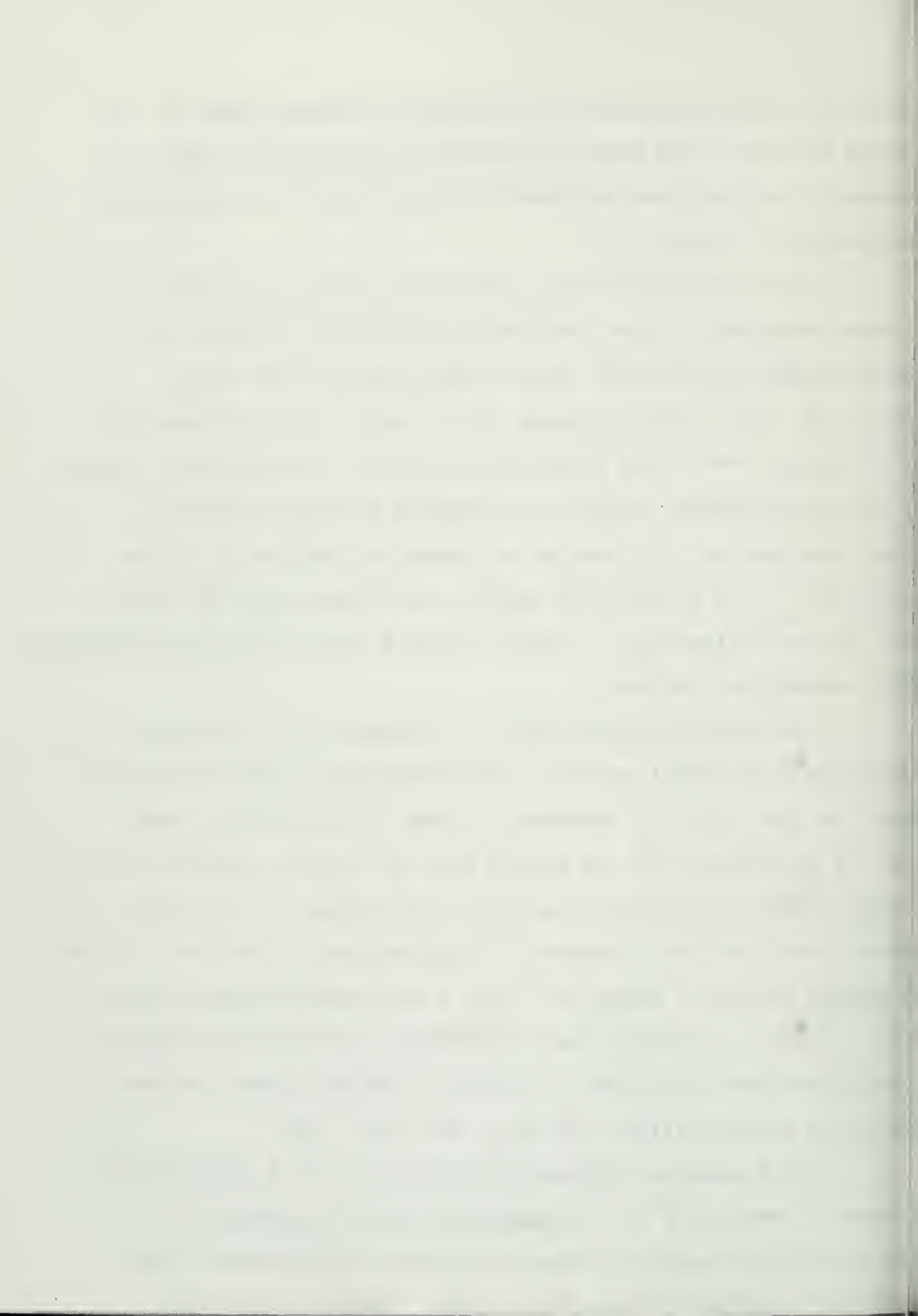


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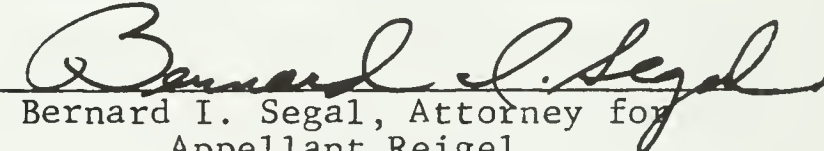
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indicated in his Opening Brief (p. 46), all the cases cited by the respondent for this proposition were cases in which there was overwhelming independent evidence to support the unreasonableness of the prediction, and, independent findings as to the unreasonableness of the predictions. Therefore the language in the cases cited were dicta and even this dicta has not been repeated in a Federal Court case since all the citations offered were to Orders or releases of the Commission. As discussed more fully in Reigel's Opening Brief (p. 47) the one Federal Court case which the Hearing Examiner cited for the same proposition actually upheld Reigel's position that there can be a rational basis for such predictions.

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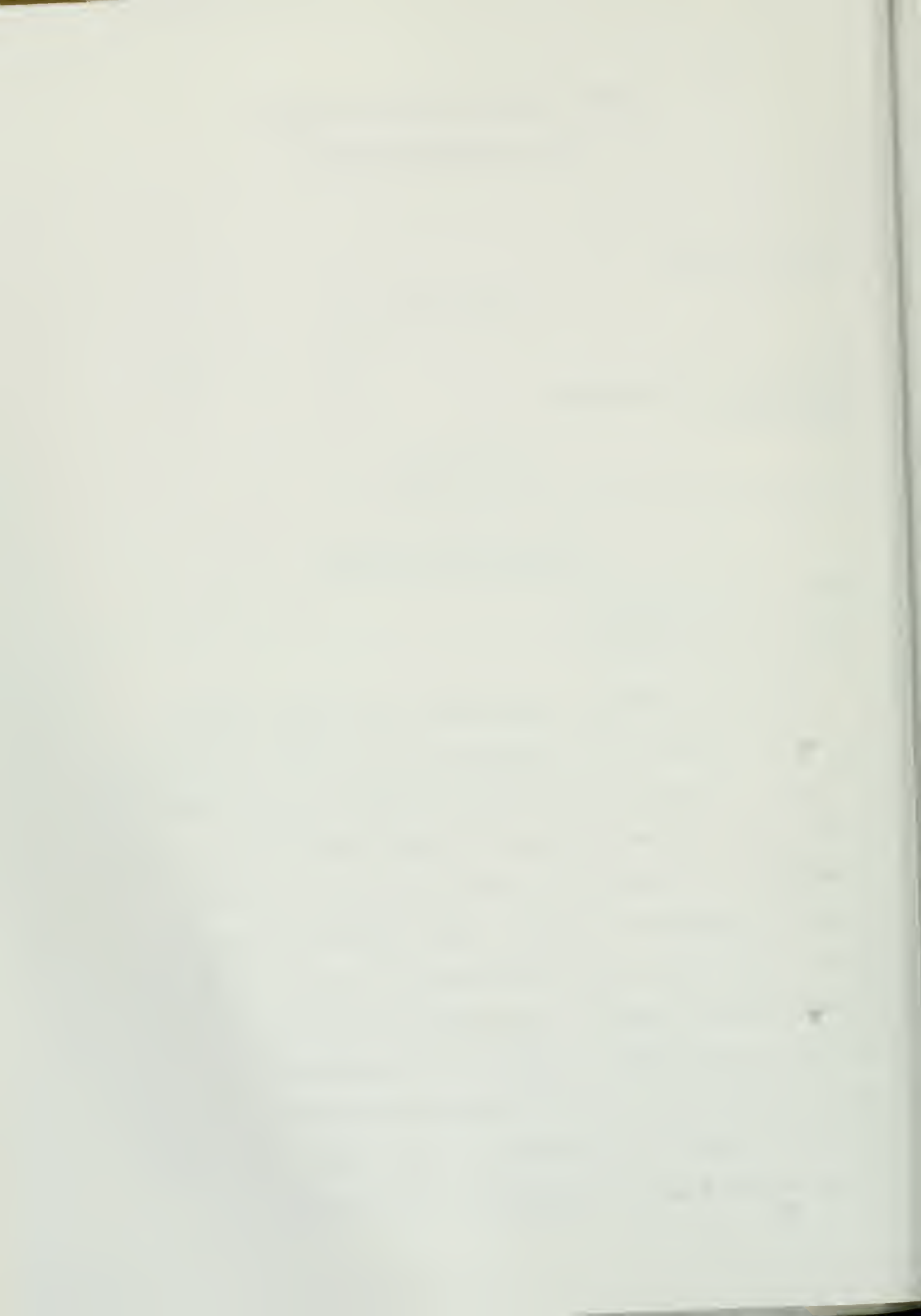
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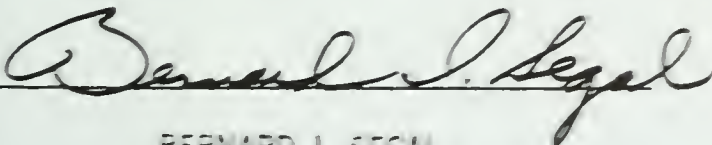
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